M. Be it enalted, by the General Affembly of Maryland, That the GHAP. county court of Saint Wary's shall be and hereby is adjourned to the VIII, IX, X. twenty-teventh day of February next; and the county court of Prince-Courts ad-George's shall be and hereby is adjourned to the fourth Tuesday in March next.

III. And be it enaited, That all causes, pleas, process, and pro- Causes deceedings, either civil or criminal, now depending in the faid courts, in the same or either of them, and all process returnable to the said courts respect- state, &c. ively, shall be and remain in the fame state and condition, on the days to which the said courts are by this act respectively adjourned, as they would be on the days on which the faid courts are respectively directed so be held by the act eforefaid.

## H A P. IX.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army. June C 12

E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That where Lieutenant any subject of this state hath received any considerable injury to may make a his or her property, by the depredations of the British army, or from the tax British armed vessels, since the passing of the act, entitled, An act to persons who procure recruits to complete the battalions of this state in the service of have received the United States, and to raise an additional regiment if necessary, and means of the the supplement thereto, on representing his of her loss or losses to the British army, lieutenant of the county where any such damage hath happened, on a 1700 oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, it shall and June. 10 may be lawful for the lieutenant to make such person or persons a de-6-- c. 23 duction from the tax imposed on that part of his or her property fo taken away or destroyed; as rated under the above recited acts; provided, that no allowance or deduction shall be made to any person or persons, unless he or they have manifested their attachment to this state, by taking an oath of fidelity and support thereto, agreeable to the laws of this state; and the lieutenants are required to keep fair accounts of such deductions and allowances, and to whom made, and transmit the same to the governor and council.

An ACT to enable the sheriffs of this state to take bail bonds in certain cases.

HEREAS the sheriffs of this state have not heretofore Preamble. been empowered to take bail bonds of persons taken on criminal writs, whereby much inconvenience is derived to the theriffs, much trouble to the civil magistrate, and much delay to the administration of justice:

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Affembly of Maryland, Sheriffs may That from and after the first day of April next, it shall and may be take bail bonds of perlawful for all and every of the sheriffs of this state, and their deputies, sons taken on criminal to take bail bonds of all persons taken by them on any criminal writ, writs, &c. for any offence less than felony, with security, if the said sheriffs or